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Jubilee Year

The Southern California Congregational Conference launched its 50th Jubilee year at First Church, Los Angeles, on May 11-13. It was in 1867 that the first Congregational church in Southern California was organized at San Bernardino. A district Association was soon formed, and in 1881 the first meeting in Southern California of the General Association of Congregational Churches of the entire State was held in Los Angeles. In 1887 the churches south of the Tehachapi formed their own association, which later became the Conference. It was this event which marked the beginning of the 50-year period now being celebrated by the Conference. Historical papers were presented by Dean Norton of Pomona and Superintendent Harley H. Gill of the Northern Conference. A special souvenir program, richly illustrated with pictures of all of the churches in the Southern Conference, has been printed and distributed. The Conference will seek to make a 10 per cent gain in membership, in church attendance, in Sunday School and young people's society enrollment, in financial support of the local church, and in benevolence giving. A revolving fund of twenty thousand dollars is to be raised to enable the Conference to meet its bills and to send its remittances to the Eastern Boards during the lean early months of the year. There are now 117 churches in the Conference, with about 31,000 members. Northern California was represented by Mrs. Geo. E. Atkinson, Mrs. W. E. Eckles, Rev. Dennis Goodsell, President H. F. Swartz, Rev. and Mrs. Carl S. Patton, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

In the May issue of The Pacific a list of new officers for the Central, Upper Bay, and Sacramento Valley Associations was published. The officers of the other Associations who were subsequently elected are as follows: Redwood Empire Association, Rev. Westwood Wallace, Moderator; Rev. C. C. Champlin, Assistant Moderator, and Rev. L. D. Rathbone, Registrar; San Joaquin Association, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, Moderator; Rev. Cornelius Richert, Assistant Moderator, and Rev. John H. Gregg, Registrar; Santa Clara Association, Rev. Jessie Getty Heath, Moderator: Rev. Victor H. Morgan, Assistant Moderator, and Dr. O. L. Elliott, Registrar.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 16-24—General Council of Congregational-Christian Churches, Mt. Holyoke, Mass.

June 22 to July 3—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

June 25-28—California Christian Endeavor Union State Convention at San Jose.

July 11-18—Missionary Education Movement Conference, Asilomar.

July 25 to August 1—Young People's Conference, Asilomar.

August 9-15—Young People's Institute, Lokoya.

October 27-29—State Conference, San Jose.

November 8-11—National Preaching Mission, San Francisco and East Bay.

ASILOMAR CONFERENCE FACULTY

Reaching for their leadership into the ranks of the foremost religious and educational figures in the country, Northern California Congregational young people will meet at Asilomar from July 25 to August 1 for their 12th annual conference. About 250 delegates are expected to gather under the banner of the Pilgrim Fellowship, the Northern California President of which is Prescott Thompson of Berkeley.

Margueritte Harmon Bro, Chicago, dynamic leader of youth, on Asilomar faculty

With "The Abundant Life" as their central theme, the young people have invited to be their central figure Mrs. Margueritte Harmon Bro of Chicago, Secretary of the Council for Social Action of the Congregational and Christian churches. Possibly the most dynamic woman in the denomination, Mrs. Bro comes west especially for this Conference, and her classes will be a daily feature.

Second headliner in the program will be Prof. Dwayne Orton, Dean of the General College at College of the Pacific in Stockton. Dean Orton contributes a personal knowledge of students all over the nation, and will base his course on an interpretation of New Testament teachings.

The Directorship of the Conference has been placed in the universally popular hands of Rev. T. T. Giffen of Plymouth Church, Oakland. Dr. Giffen's duties are confined chiefly to the week of the Conference, with preliminary arrangements being guided jointly by Rev. Fred Morrow, Student Advisor at the University of California, and Evan Kiesler of the Pacific School of Religion.

Other leaders of the Conference will be:

Rev. Harley H. Gill, Chaplain—Dr. Gill, leading figure in many past conferences, will conduct the morning chapel services along new lines, varying his worship services with a different type of program each day.

Rev. Ralph C. Waddell—Young people have long regarded the pastor of the Petaluma Church with warm affection, and look to him this year for leadership in a course on "Group Thinking."

Rev. V. H. Podstata—Nationally celebrated as a psychiatrist, physician and member of the University of California faculty, Dr. Podstata will provide one of the week's highlights with his address on "The Efficient Personality."

Rev. Ray E. Phillips—From the diamond mines of South Africa comes this dominating speaker to present pictures and a story of his experiences among the Negroes. Dr. Phillips is considered one of the key men in the denomination's foreign field.

Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee—Bringing the prophets of the Old Testament to life will be the brilliant and beloved former rabbi of Temple Sinai in Oakland. Dr. Coffee is known alike for his social service work in state institutions and for his championship of inter-denominational good will.

Rev. Everett Blake—"Jack" Blake is a young Californian who returns to the Conference from his work at Merzifon, Turkey, as an able representative of the younger generation devoting their lives to foreign service.

Mrs. Mabel Hill Redfield—Whenever delegates to the past three Conferences think of good music, they think of Mrs. Redfield. Organist and choir director at First Church, Berkeley, she is a guarantee of beautiful music at this summer gathering.

Rev. Glenn Corbin—Down from his pastorate at Angels Camp, in the mountains, Rev. Corbin will rejoin a host of friends as director of recreation for the young people. Tennis, swimming, and other leisure-hour diversions will be under competent supervision.

Professor Dwayne Orton, College of the Pacific, teaches New Testament at Asilomar

Four Deans—Companions and advisors to the delegates will be four well-liked leaders: Rev. Fred Morrow, Rev. and Mrs. John Gregg of Porterville, and Mrs. Dorothy Nelson Bennett of Plymouth Church, Oakland.

Those in charge of the Conference commend its value to pastors, parents and young people alike, and urge the prompt payment of each delegate's $2 registration fee to Miss Edith Clark, Registrar, at the Conference Headquarters, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco. Registration cards are now being sent to all churches, with additional copies being available in case of need or accidental oversight.

Asilomar Rallies

Enthusiastic planning for the summer conference at Asilomar has been reported by traveling members of the promotional committee who in recent weeks have helped conduct district rallies at central points in northern California.

The Asilomar Flying Squadron, thirteen strong, made its first stop at the Lodi church on Sunday, April 25, and moved a week later, May 2, to Fresno with a group of ten. At both places they found large delegations

Rev. T. T. Giffen, Plymouth Church, Oakland, director of Asilomar Conference

from neighboring cities, the total attendance in each case numbering over 70.

Excellent dinners, prepared by the women of the host churches, opened the programs, and were followed by brief talks and an Asilomar motion picture recently filmed especially for this use. Talks were made by Louis "Sky" Neumann, former president of the Conference and delegate this summer to the National Youth Conference at Lakeside, Ohio; Prescott Thompson, this year's president, and Fowler Furze and Arthur Arlett of the promotional committee.

Following Lodi and Fresno, the next four meetings scheduled are as follows: May 8, Alameda; May 24, Cotati; May 30, Santa Cruz, and June 3, Fairfax.

CHURCH OF THE SEQUOIAS

Visitors to Sequoia National Park and General Grant National Park will have the privilege of Sunday services under the direction of the Church of the Sequoias, an interdenominational organization with Rev. Baron McLean as Executive Secretary. Leadership, music, teaching staff, supplies, and equipment, are provided for four morning worship locations, three vesper locations, and ten camp and Sunday school locations. Rev. Allan A. Hunter of the Mt. Hollywood Church Los Angeles, is to be preacher on August 2 and 9.

The Pacific is published ten months in the year, therefore this issue is the last that will appear until September. We wish our friends and subscribers a pleasant vacation season.

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LAKESIDE CONFERENCE

Delegates from the Pilgrim Fellowship, from at least thirty states, will join in the great Christian Youth Conference of North America, held at Lakeside, Ohio, June 23-28. There will be approximately a hundred Congregational and Christian delegates, sent by their states to share in this significant program and to bring back plans for their state work. This company will become the Council of the National Pilgrim Fellowship.

These Lakeside delegates, we expect, will actually begin to plan the national program of the Pilgrim Fellowship, with the cooperation of about a dozen adults. Our youth movement is on the way. You will be hearing from those young people, through your state papers, at summer conferences, and in various other ways.

The recommendations of the eight groups into which the Conference will be divided will be published by September 1. These will be the first definite plans proposed for our Congregational and Christian young people by a nation-wide body of the Pilgrim Fellowship.

Lakeside should do this for our Congregational Christian young people: it should unite the youth leaders of the Pilgrim Fellowship from coast to coast, it should put new responsibility upon young people themselves, and it should help every local group to feel that it is part of a national movement.

Northern California will be represented by Miss Reva Galvin and Mr. Louis ("Sky") Neumann.

GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES

Since the last issue of The Pacific, two changes have been made in our delegation to the General Council: Mrs. Lawrence Wilson, on account of recent illness, finds it impossible to go, and her place has been taken by Mrs. Herman F. Swartz, representing the Conference; Superintendent Harley H. Gill is to represent the Upper Bay Association; Rev. Cornelius Richert of Fresno is a delegate from the San Joaquin Valley Association.

Up to the time of going to press, from knowledge coming into the Conference office, the following named persons from Northern California will probably be in attendance: Rev. Geo. E. Atkinson, Rev. Noel J. Breed, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Brinkmeyer, Mrs. A. V. Dunn, Rev. T. T. Giffen, Superintendent Harley H. Gill, Mr. Geo. S. Martin, Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Mears, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Rev. Cornelius Richert, Professor Ernest E. Stanford, President and Mrs. H. F. Swartz, and Rev. Lawrence Wilson.

A Filipino business man and philanthropist, addressing a group of students, said, "Our country more than ever needs men, young and old, who can be relied on to do their duty. In other words, we need people who are true, trusted, trained, and tested.

"FAITH AS OF A GRAIN OF MUSTARD SEED"

In response to requests, some paragraphs of the address given by Superintendent Harley H. Gill to the spring meetings of the Associations are published herewith:

"We are reaping today the results of the emphasis we have been compelled to lay on shrinking budgets and cutting down our work. It is difficult to see how we could have done otherwise. Certainly we could not be blind to what was happening to our income. So we cut, cut, cut, and cut some more. We reduced salaries, we closed institutions, we abandoned fields, we brought missionaries home, smashing careers and life-long ambitions."

"We told the churches of the cutting; we talked in terms of deficits, debts and reductions. How could we have done otherwise? But with what results? We have come dangerously near to losing our own souls. It is my contention that the gospel of Jesus Christ and the cutting down of Christian work are a contradiction in terms."

"In our effort to cut the garment to the cloth, we have gotten to the pinch-penny maintenance of the status quo, and there isn't much enthusiasm in doing that. To retreat as gracefully as possible may seem to be necessary, but it isn't exactly an affirmation of the grace of God. Enthusiasm at the home base is aroused by expansion, growth, and a sense of destiny."

"With evidences of better times all about us, with luxuries finding a ready market, we dare not content ourselves with a continuance of our present level of work. To do it will result in a further shriveling and dying out of the Spirit of Christ."

"Is it possible that in our own timidity and discouragement we have failed to sense the strength of our people, and that we are permitting latent energies and capacities to die for want of a spark which we might strike?"

"If we have the faith in God that our profession of Christianity implies, if we have the confidence that the Kingdom of God will yet come, we had better not be timid in challenging our people. We still have the right to expect great things from God, and the responsibility to attempt great things for God."

"This move will take faith, but faith must be exercised somewhere."

"'If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.' How it needs to be done! The mountains, the all but impassable barriers that have blocked our way, that still defy us! Faith as a grain of mustard seed. . . . A little thing, a potent thing. Faith in the heritage of this free fellowship that is ours! Faith in the devotion and ability of the missionaries that represent us! Faith in the contagion and power of the gospel! Faith in ourselves, that God has chosen us and ordained us that we should bear much fruit! Faith in the loyalty and perseverance of our laymen who go on year after year, swallowing their disappointments in their pastors and churches, because they cannot run away as preachers may do! Faith that there is in every true Christian that which fears not hard work and privation when the call to high service comes! Faith that the religion of Jesus will fulfill the need of the world! Faith that the word we proclaim will not return void, but that it will prosper in the thing whereto it was sent! Faith that the arm of the Almighty is not shortened, that the Christ of Calvary lives, that the kingdoms of this world shall become His realm, and that He shall reign forever and ever!

"Faith as of a grain of mustard seed."

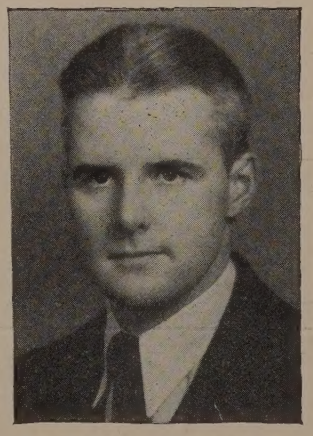
REV. EDSON D. HALE

Rev. Edson D. Hale passed on to the better life at his home at Martinez on May 18, following an illness of more than a year. Mr. Hale was a native of Vermont, a graduate of Amherst in 1882 and later from the Pacific Theological Seminary. Twenty years were given to the ministry, with pastorates at Niles, Clayton, and Lincoln. For some time he was in educational work. In 1908 he entered business in Martinez, but has been particularly active in religious and philanthropic work, and was a leading supporter of our Martinez church.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Hale, and three daughters—Miss Mary Hale of Crockett, Mrs. Harry Boyer of Antioch, and Miss Gertrude Hale of San Francisco. Funeral services were conducted by President Herman F. Swartz and Rev. Harvey V. Miller.

REV. H. A. SHEARER

It was reported at the annual meeting of the Sacramento Valley Association that Rev. Herman A. Shearer passed away on December 5, 1935. He had lived for a number of years in retirement at Chico, California. The Pacific hopes to print some further items regarding pastorates held by Mr. Shearer, in a forthcoming issue.



Rev. Fred R. Morrow, Plymouth House, Berkeley, co-chairman, Asilomar Planning Committee

Because of the intervention of Memorial Day and because of necessary field work on the part of the Superintendent, it was necessary to finish the copy for this issue a few days earlier than usual. The Pacific apologizes to pastors and church correspondents for not including some items which will in all probability arrive too late to be included.

PLEASE REMIT

The month of May showed a very serious decline in benevolences from the figure printed a year ago—about $1000. We are still $800 ahead of last year at the end of May, but all treasurers, financial secretaries, trustees, and pastors, are urged to see that remittances of all benevolence receipts to date are made during the month of June in order to help carry through the lean months of the summer without borrowing.

Church	May 1936	Jan. 11 to May 31,'36	Jan. 11 to May 31,'35
Adin		$ 18.29	$ 60.00
Alameda		157.64	105.81
Alturas	$ 23.78	23.78	7.10
Angels Camp.		25.00	25.00
Antioch		13.80	8.40
Auburn		25.00	25.00
Benicia		20.00	13.00
Berkeley—			
First	583.33	2,992.27	2,166.65
North	50.00	200.00	150.00
Park		18.47	27.30
Campbell		50.00	63.50
Ceres		113.41	
Cloverdale	3.90	31.80	46.73
Cotati		26.18	28.00
Crockett	5.75	28.75	29.33
Eureka	44.29	116.03	125.00
Fairfax			15.00
Ferndale		52.26	58.16
Fresno—			
First	43.36	274.78	237.80
Pilgrim			55.57
Glen Ellen	2.27	2.27	
Grass Valley			10.00
Hayfork		3.00	
Hayward		40.00	50.00
Kenwood		12.30	19.60
Likely		5.00	5.00
Lockeford		2.50	7.00
Lodi, First	150.00	250.00	350.00
Loomis		11.90	29.95
Martinez		69.92	66.42
Murphy		40.00	40.00
Niles		10.00	22.20
Oakland—			
First	280.00	2,313.70	1,844.56
Fruitvale		5.00	
Japanese	5.00	5.00	
Plymouth		205.00	230.00
Oroville	20.00	80.00	75.00
Pac. Grove		155.11	151.34
Palo Alto		250.00	150.00
Paradise		46.00	91.30
Petaluma		165.25	250.41
Pittsburg		43.06	19.74
Port Chicago		2.65	2.35
Porterville		25.00	
Redwood City	75.00	175.00	100.00
Ripon	4.59	16.09	27.00
Sacramento	56.16	212.86	137.70
Salida			18.80
San Carlos			10.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany			
Msn. Park	5.00	92.46	120.50
First	140.89	554.40	610.54
Ocean View		6.83	8.42
Richmond	22.11	22.11	4.00
San Jose		173.00	275.00
San Leandro	7.55	26.50	26.98
San Rafael		20.00	
Santa Cruz		160.00	180.00
Santa Rosa		75.27	96.35
Saratoga		106.73	60.00
Sebastopol	14.75	85.93	79.31
Sonoma		25.15	33.98
Soquel		15.00	22.00
Stockton	53.94	183.33	207.92
Suisun		45.00	45.00
Tulare		95.00	65.00
Weaverville		35.40	15.00
Reno, Nevada		141.05	156.78
Miscellaneous	52.68	650.28	262.79
*Special Deficit Fund			825.05
Total		$1,644.35	$10,847.51 $10,050.34

* The contributions to the Special Deficit Fund in 1936 are included with gifts from churches or in the miscellaneous item.

REV. BERYL BISHOP COLLETT

Belated word reaches the office of The Pacific that Rev. Beryl Bishop Collett passed away on December 20, 1935, after a short illness from pneumonia. She was a ministerial member of the Bay Association, and for the past few years had divided her time between an independent missionary church at Sawyers Bar, California, and lecturing at various points throughout the State. She made her home in Los Angeles. Mrs. Collett will be remembered as formerly connected with the Northern California Indian Association.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

CLOVERDALE. The "home gatherings," a series of informal meetings in the homes of the people during the Lenten season for Bible study and the deepening of the spiritual life proved so popular that it was decided to continue them. A number of invitations, some from those who had previously not attended church, have been received. Three were admitted recently into church membership, two of these on confession of faith. An interesting feature of the Easter Sunday school concert was the telling in their own words by ten young people of the Sunday school, the story of the last days of Jesus and the beginning of Christianity. These were the stories of one of the courses prepared by the pastor, Rev. H. S. Davidson. Some of the pupils of the Sunday school have completed more than ten of these courses.

Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Petaluma, gives course on Group Thinking at Asilomar

REDWOOD CITY. Rev. Reed B. Cherington has supplied the pulpit during May and will continue through June. The church will be on vacation in July. The new pastor, Rev. Charles E. Ward, will begin August 16. Mr. Pierce Coombes, the moderator, has directed the affairs of the church all spring and has served as chairman of the pulpit committee. Andrew Stewart, a life-long member of the church, as state president of the Christian Endeavor Union, is preparing for the annual convention soon to be held in San Jose.

EUREKA. Nine splendid new members were received at the Good Friday communion service. A great deal of interest has been aroused by the securing of a camp site on the Eel River at Miranda. Rev. C. H. Hudson, the pastor, plans to lead a number of camps this summer for young people connected with his church. It is hoped that the grounds will be used in the future by Congregational groups from other parts of the State.

WOODSIDE. A women's guild of 30 members has been formed. Cent-a-Meal boxes for benevolences have been introduced. This church is unique in that 85 per cent of the budget of expenses for the year is cash paid in advance and on deposit in the bank. Rev. Victor H. Morgan is pastor.

CAMPBELL. The debt of the church to the Building Society is almost wiped out. The Cent-a-Meal boxes are being used very successfully in meeting the church's apportionment. Rev. J. H. Bennett is the pastor.

HAYWARD. The Sunday School taxes the capacity of the present building. Rev. Godfrey Matthews is pastor.

ANTIOCH. In accepting the resignation of Rev. Henry Stauffer, the Committee wrote him as follows: "No mere words can express the appreciation we feel for the great spiritual influence you are leaving to the church here, as well as the community. You have given time, thought and strength unstintedly, lovingly and sincerely. We feel that the seven years working together in friendship and loyalty has formed a bond of fellowship never to be broken. Mrs. Stauffer, with her gracious and kindly personality, has also made a place in our hearts that cannot be filled by another. It is with great reluctance that we accept your resignation. In doing this we also accept your challenge that 'the best is yet to be' for the Antioch Church, knowing the part you have played has made this possible."

BERKELEY, ARLINGTON AVENUE. Mr. Wilfred I. Orr, the director, has been invited to deliver a series of five lectures at the retreat of the Interdenominational Japanese Young People's Association, to be held at San Anselmo at the end of June.

At the Fellowship House a parents' Bible class, under the leadership of Miss Florence Runnells, has attracted the interest of a number of thoughtful people. The subject studied is the literature of the Old Testament.

ALAMEDA. Rev. Gail Cleland is on his way around the world. His son, Robert, who has just graduated from the University of California and who plans to enter Boston School of Theology this fall, preached in his father's pulpit on May 31. Robert goes to Modoc County this summer in student summer service, to conduct vacation church schools in small communities and lumber camps, under the direction of Rev. A. W. Monosmith.

Superintendent Harley H. Gill chaplain at Asilomar Conference

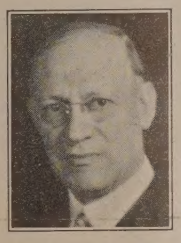
SACRAMENTO. Another large class of members was received the first Sunday of May, bringing the total for this spring up to 63. The church is rejoicing in the progress being made by Mrs. Wilson, the wife of the pastor, after a very serious illness and operation. Mr. Wilson, who is moderator of the Conference, served as fraternal delegate to the Oregon and Washington Conferences, and was a speaker on both programs.

PORTERVILLE. The average church attendance for the month of May was 149, this in spite of some exceedingly hot weather. Superintendent Harley H. Gill visited the church and preached on Sunday, May 24. Rev. John H. Gregg, the pastor, is to give the Memorial Day address at the community exercises.

SARATOGA. Rev. and Mrs. Burton M. Palmer are very happy in the beautiful new parsonage which was recently opened, and which has been dedicated as a memorial to the late Rev. (Sunshine) E. S. Williams.

SANTA ROSA. After two years of service, Rev. Westwood Wallace has tendered his resignation in order to accept the call to the church at Martinez. An outstanding achievement of Mr. Wallace's pastorate has been the paying off of a long-standing and troublesome indebtedness, amounting to nearly $700, all told. A fine group of young married people has been formed, which is taking an active interest in the affairs of the church. Recently this club provided beautiful drapes for the choir loft. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace will leave with the universal respect and affection of the Santa Rosa people and with their cordial good wishes for success in their new field of endeavor.

MARTINEZ. Rev. Westwood Wallace of Santa Rosa has accepted the call to Martinez, and begins work about the middle of June. Mr. Wallace has been pastor at Adin and at Santa Rosa since coming to California. In former years he was pastor of Alki Congregational Church at Seattle. Martinez is looking forward with eager anticipation to the coming of the pastor, for they have been without leadership since the resignation of Rev. Harvey V. Miller, February 1.



Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee, Jewish leader, gives course on the Prophets at Asilomar

FOWLER, ARMENIAN. Under the leadership of Rev. S. M. Albarian, a dinner for which $5 per couple was charged, was served in Fresno for the benefit of the Fowler Church. About $300 was secured, which helps to carry the expenses during a very difficult period of the church life, resulting from the destruction of crops by frost.

PALO ALTO. Rev. Rowland B. Dodge, who reported for this church at the Association meeting, called attention to the very large proportion of men in the Sunday audiences. He also pointed out that the choir has a very prominent place in the life of the church, not only religiously, but socially. Rev. W. B. Thorp is pastor.

CROCKETT. Slow but real progress is being made in the project of relocating and of building. There is reason to expect actual construction operations to begin in a few months. One fine piece of extension work is the bringing of children from Tormey to the Crockett Sunday School. Rev. Rudolph Caughey is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. About fifty inactive members have been retired from the roll, and yet the church shows an increase in membership. Sixteen were received at Easter time. Work on the remodeling of the building is to begin June 1. A new organ will be installed. Rev. Norman B. Henderson is the pastor.

ADIN. Rev. A. W. Monosmith reports that he has driven 1,474 miles, reaching the various points in his parish, in the last six weeks. The Modoc young people's camp will be held in August.

PITTSBURG. Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, the pastor, conducts a Friendly Hour evening service, featuring 20 minutes of congregational singing. A novel exchange of pulpit and choir with the Antioch Church was made on Sunday, May 17. A church planning committee, consisting of the chairmen of all committees and organizations, has been set up to outline future programs. The church has entertained the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, and the annual meeting of the Upper Bay Association. Mr. Benedict was elected Moderator of the Association.

TRINITY COUNTY. Three new members were received into the Weaverville Church on Easter. Rev. Jas. D. Salmon visits Lewiston for afternoon religious school for the children, and evening church services two or three times a month. Trinity County had a large delegation at the Sacramento Valley Association meeting in Reno, two from Hayfork and three from Weaverville. Young people in this county will join with those of Big Valley in the summer camp. A church service was held April 26 at Junction City.

COTATI AND PENN GROVE. Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Champlin are already making their influence strongly felt in these communities. The Champlin ranch, which has often been a social gathering place since the first Champlins moved there in 1856, has been the scene of picnics and other church gatherings. Cotati was host to the Redwood Empire Young Peoples' Rally during May, in which plans for sending delegates to Asilomar and Lokoya were made.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, is in attendance at the Conference and Training School of the Oxford Groups, and will remain in Massachusetts for the meeting of the General Council. He will be in his pulpit during July, but in August he is to preach two Sundays in the Old South Church, Boston, and one Sunday at the Marble Collegiate Church in New York.

SAN CARLOS. Mr. Alden A. Read, the new pastor, is now established in his new field of labor. He reports that, while some of those listed as members have moved away or are inactive, there is a great deal of "new timber" available.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, is called on by many organizations to participate in Memorial Services, among them the Native Sons of the Golden West, G. A. R., the Woodmen of the World, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SAN FRANCISCO
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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. W. C. Blasdale

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be on August 20, there being no meeting in June or July.

FROM AFAR

It was a pleasure to have as guest at the May meeting Mrs. W. A. Downham, an active member of the Women's Guild of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, who is traveling with her husband in this country. As she visits the women's groups of our churches she is impressed with the likeness of these groups to similar ones on the other side of the Atlantic in idealism and practical service. Deeply interested in the question of peace, she said that the world, though war-crazed in many parts at the present time, has never been so peace-conscious as now. All of us alike should pray to be freed from the burden of little things in order that we may broaden our vision and extend our social and political outlook. All must have the international mind if peace is to come throughout the world.

ACROSS SEAS

The Foreign Secretary, Mrs. C. A. Kofoid, presented interesting facts from many distant places.

China. Communists in the Shansi province have told the villagers that they are free to believe the religion they choose, and that their evangelists will be unharmed but must not preach to the people.

Africa. For the first time a Provincial Government in the Union of South Africa has undertaken to train African girls as nurses. To Unanda Seminary has been given the honor as well as the responsibility of selecting the teachers and the first candidates for the preliminary course to be given to those entering the Nurses' Training School to be opened in connection with the new Government Hospital for Africans at Durban.

Philippines. A Filipino woman, for eighteen years a Christian worker, has recently been licensed to the work of the Christian ministry, and is in charge of a congregation of over one hundred members.

The Philippine Islands Charity Sweepstakes will be dissolved after June of this year. President Quezon says, "The Government cannot very well be running a gambling institution while at the same time trying to suppress robbery of the poor, and other vices."

ASILOMAR M. E. M.

Missionary leaders will again assemble at Asilomar in an interdenominational conference for a week's study of missions. The inspiration and the information acquired at similar conferences in years past bespeak for this one the same high values. The conference will be held from July 11 to the 18th. A registration fee of $2.50 is required of all attending, and board and room may be secured from $14.00 per week, up. Reservations for room must be made with Miss Nell McKeen, Asilomar, or with Miss Helen Perkins, 2738 Webster St., Berkeley.

A leaflet, entitled "Missionary Education, 1936-1937, Africa and the Negro of America," giving the names of the study books and leading facts about them and their authors, may be secured from the Congregational headquarters. This material has been prepared for all ages, adults, young people, intermediates, and elementary grades, by outstanding students of Negro problems.

NEW TURKEY

Mrs. Everett Blake understands and loves the Turkish people. Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Goodsell, she spent much of her life before her marriage in Turkey, and for the last six years she and her husband have been representatives of the American Board in Merzifon. With great charm and clearness she told of the changes which have taken place in Turkey, especially since 1923, all tending toward the development of a nationalism comparable to and in conformity with the western world. Formation of the Republic, adoption of western systems of laws, of dress, of family names, of the calendar, also of the Roman alphabet, the separation of church and state, emancipation of woman—these and other changes have wrought a tremendous transformation in the life and outlook of the people.

During these years of unrest and change our missionaries have endeavored, by patient Christian living and by sharing in the community life of the people, to interpret Christianity in terms of the second commandment of Jesus. Mrs. Blake closed her address to the Federation by saying, "Though restricted in the schools, largely because Turkey's experience with religion has made her feel only its binding and retarding influence, nothing can restrict the unselfish spirit of Jesus' life, and it is to that spirit that we wish to witness by deed and life."

Our best wishes and prayers go with Mr. and Mrs. Blake as they return to Turkey this fall to carry on, after a furlough in this country.

Steps in Devotions

Mrs. Harley H. Gill, whose devotional services are always so spiritually helpful, tells us that she finds many who are timid about leading such a service. To assist them she gives the following suggestions adapted from "Story Telling," by Katherine Dunlap Cather:

"Step One. In building a devotional service choose a subject that awakens a response in the heart of the author.

"Step Two. Outline the plot for the result desired.

"Step Three. Try to visualize the story. If this seems hard to do, just keep on trying. It will come. It would be helpful to practice reconstructing in memory's eye the interior of a familiar room, a shop window, or articles arranged on a table. It will be a surprise to realize how carelessly we observe. The ability to visualize will add pleasure to all of life, and in visualizing our story we gain the ability to **live** the thing we want to do.

"Step Four. There must be a point of conflict in the story picture, because it is always the struggle that creates interest. In stories about pioneer peoples it is the struggle between their determination to set up a civilization and the utter lack of materials. In problem themes the conflict is conscience and popular practice.

"Step Five. Rehearse the reading and telling of your story. Tell it aloud to yourself, to the table and chairs as an audience. This is much better than telling it to one's family because the thought of their criticism will kill the very freedom one covets, and it is the personality of the speaker that causes the story to **live.**"

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AT ASILOMAR

Plans are well under way for the annual interdenominational conference for leaders in missionary education at Asilomar, July 11 to 18. This is an advanced school, stressing the training of missionary leaders. Five courses will be offered, two on the leadership of study classes home and foreign, using the new adult textbooks on Africa and the American Negro; one on the use of the women's Africa book, "Congo Crosses," in classes, programs, etc.; an important course for church school teachers and officers on missions in the church school program, and one on Christian cooperatives.

Vespers will, as formerly, be a popular feature, led by Dr. R. J. Dye of the Disciples mission in Belgian Congo, with informal talks by missionaries from many lands. And the usual chapel services at the beginning of the day, under the leadership of Rev. W. R. H. Hodgkin, will be as inspiring and helpful as previously.

Detailed announcement as to leaders will soon be made. The cost will be $14.30 for room and board, including tax, plus $2.50 for registration. Leaders of mission study courses, Sunday school teachers, missionary leaders in women's societies, and others who wish to train for places of leadership in the missionary work of the churches, will find at Asilomar just what they need. The Asilomar Conference does not compete with the summer conferences of the denominations, but is a sort of graduate school, with the full cooperation and approval of the various departments of Christian education.

"BOB" CLELAND IN MODOC

The Conference will engage in some extension work this summer in Modoc County. Mr. Robert Cleland, son of Rev. and Mrs. Gail Cleland of Alameda, will give two and one-half months of service in lumber camps and other isolated communities of our most northeasterly county. He will assist in the Modoc young people's summer camp and will hold vacation Bible schools in as many communities as time will permit. "Bob" has been an officer of the Pilgrim Fellowship. He graduates from the University of California this month, and in September will enroll in Boston Theological Seminary.

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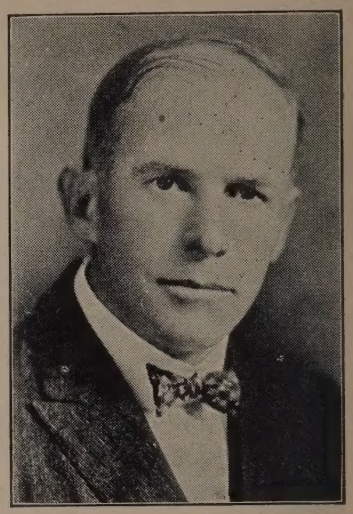

Rev. Ray E. Phillips tells of work among the Negroes in the diamond mines of South Africa, on Asilomar young people's program

NEW ARRIVALS

A happy "little bit of news" arrives from the parsonage at Woodside, where Gail Marie took up her residence on May 20 with two very proud parents, Rev. and Mrs. Victor Morgan. The Pacific, in behalf of all our pastors and churches, extends congratulations.

An eight-pound baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred I. Orr on May 27. Mr. Orr is a student at the Pacific School of Religion, and director of the Fellowship House in Kensington. This is the second child in the Orr family. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

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Letters have gone to all pastors with Pacific subscription lists for their churches. During the late spring each year The Pacific asks to have the right of way—to have public mention made of its service to the churches, and to have agents appointed who will secure renewals and new subscriptions. Just to show what can be done, Rev. J. B. Orr of the Fruitvale Church has a 100 per cent list, i. e., every family in his church subscribes.

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